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MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2-10-14 A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 63, TRAPPING, TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF DEER

WHEREAS, the Bethel Park Municipal Code, Chapter 63, contains provisions regarding the trapping of wild animals; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of Bethel Park has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health and general welfare of its residents to prohibit the feeding of any wild animal, including but not limited to deer, within the borders of the community; and

WHEREAS, modification of the code, section 63, would be in the best interest of the residents in order to provide the proper clarification of the code section's contents.

WHEREAS, a meeting of said council was held on 10 day of Feb. 2014, at the Bethel Park Municipal Building, 5100 West Library Avenue, Bethel Park, PA, at which the majority of the Council cast votes in favor of the modification of the code and code amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Bethel Park, in a meeting assembled, and it hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same with the addition as follows;

SECTION 1

That chapter of code (Chapter 63) is to be renamed; "Trapping and Wild Animal Control"

SECTION 2

No person shall knowingly, purposely or intentionally feed deer, cause deer to be fed or provide food to deer in Bethel Park on any public or private property. The prohibition includes, but is not limited to, disbursement of food on the ground, at a feeding station, in a feeding device, or in a container of any form; providing a salt or mineral lick/block; or any other means which serves to provide feed to any deer in Bethel Park.

SECTION 3

A person shall be deemed to have knowingly, purposely or intentionally fed deer, caused deer to be fed, or provided food to deer if the person places, or allows to be placed, wheat, pellets, livestock food, corn in any form, fruit, vegetables, hay or alfalfa, human food scraps, any form of community sold wildlife feed, birdseed or livestock feed, or any other edible matter that deer will consume on the ground or within the

reach of deer. The prohibition shall include allowing residue that deer will consume to remain underneath a birdfeeder. The prohibition shall not include live vegetation such as ornamental landscaping, flowers, trees, vines vegetable gardens, edible matter located either in an enclosed building or stored in a securely sealed package, or unmodified commercially purchased bird feeders or their equivalent when placed out of the reach of deer.

SECTION 4

Any person that violates this ordinance shall immediately and permanently upon notification from Bethel Park, remove feed and feeding devices utilized to feed deer, and discontinue the activity for which the notification was given. If a person promptly complies with such notification, no penalties will be sought.

SECTION 5

Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be liable for a fine of not less than TWENTY FIVE dollars (\$25.00) nor more than FIFTY dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, in addition to the costs of prosecution. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day thereafter during which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 6

That the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but they shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into the law by Council of the Municipality of Bethel Park this 10 day of February, 2014.

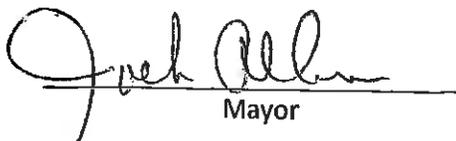
ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK


Secretary

By 
Vice President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me, this 10 day of February, 2014.


Mayor